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SUBJ: INCIDENT AT AMTORG OFFICES, NYC

1. EARLY AFTERNOON JUNE 23, OFFICES OF AMTORG, NYC, INVADDED BY APPROXIMATELY 30 MEMBERS JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE. ALL 20 EMPLOYEES OF AMTORG CHASED OUT OF OFFICES OF 19TH AND 20TH FLOORS, 355 LEXINGTON AVE. TO SCREAMS AND SHOVS OF TRESPASSERS. TWO OR THREE IN GROUP WERE BRANDISHING PIPES AND STICKS BUT THESE WERE NOT ACTUALLY USED. TRESPASSERS OCCUPIED AMTORG OFFICES FOR SOME 30 MINUTES UNTIL POLICE ARRIVED AND ARRESTED 27 (29 MALES AND 7 FEMALES, 2 FEMALES UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE). SEVERAL MEMBERS AMTORG ACCOMPANIED POLICE AND ARRESTEES TO POLICE PRECINCT AND POINTED OUT 2 YOUTHS WHO, THEY CLAIM, BRANDISHED PIPES OR STICKS. THESE WILL BE CHARGED WITH CARRYING A DANGEROUS WEAPON IN ADDITION TO TRESPASSING. OTHERS WILL BE CHARGED WITH TRESPASSING.

2. VA. ANASHKIN, SECRETARY, AMTORG CORP. AND A.P. YURESKUL, TREAS., HAVE AGREED TO BE COMPLAINANTS AND WILL APPEAR IN COURT TONIGHT.

3. NO DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AT AMTORG OFFICES AND ONLY 2 AMTORG EMPLOYEES, CHIEF ENGINEER TITARENKO AND VICE

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PRES. BLOCHIN, EXHIBITED BRUISES ON ARMS WHICH THEY CLAIM RESULT OF BEING FORCEFULLY EJECTED FROM THEIR OFFICES. BLOCHIN ALSO HAD BUTTONS RIPPED FROM HIS SHIRT.

4. TRESPASSERS LEFT LEAFLETS INDICATING ATTACK ON AMTORG WAS IN RETALIATION FOR 50 JEWS REPORTEDLY TAKEN FROM THEIR HOMES IN SOV UNION AND ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTING HIJACK SOV PLANE TO FLY TO FREEDOM. LEAFLETS IDENTIFIED GROUP AS JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE.

5. USUN SECURITY OFFICER PRESENT AT 17TH POLICE PRECINCT WHILE ARRESTEES WERE BOOKED AND SPOKE TO GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 8 FROM AMTORG PRESENT AT PRECINCT, INCLUDING PRES. AND VICE PRES. AS WELL AS FIRST SECY ALECHIN, WHO ALSO PRESENT. ALL WERE ASSURED OF US GOVT'S CONCERN OVER INCIDENT AND OF DETERMINATION US AUTHORITIES TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON PROSECUTION PROVIDED AMTORG REMAINS COMPLAINANT.

6. AS BY-PRODUCT THIS INCIDENT, 3 OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE GROUP IDENTIFIED BY TWO PERSONS ASSAULTED MAY 22 AT OFFICES OF PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AND ACTION COMITE OF AMERICAN-ARAB RELATIONS. THESE WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF ASSAULT AND POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS WEAPON IN CONNECTION WITH MAY 22 INCIDENT. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT YOST

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